

The most destructive conflagration that ever

clock this morning, which fortunately terminated without loss of life. The tanks of the largest flowing well on Pitt Hole, known as "Grant," containing 4,000 barrels of oil, caught fire, spreading destruction in all directions. Thirteen derricks and engine-houses on the following leases, were destroyed: Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, on the "Hoemder Farm," and Nos. 2, 4, and 5, on the "Morry Farm," covering a surface of five acres.

The total loss will reach \$150,000.

All of the oil belonged to the owners of the land interest and the United States Petroleum Company of New-York.

The tanks, building and property belonged to the owners of the working interest in the well, and was insured for \$25,000 in the Associated Company of New-York.

Highway robberies in this section are becoming of almost daily occurrence. The scenes of operation are on the roads leading to Titusville or Shafter, and the parties are so numerous and bold that it is not safe to travel the roads alone.

Yesterday Mr. Rochester of Jamestown, N. Y., while on his way to Shafter's was waylaid and robbed of \$1,500 and a gold watch, and left for dead. He is alive,

But not likely to recover.

Garroting is of almost nightly occurrence here, making it unsafe to be out after dark.

These doing business here are now organizing themselves into a Vigilance Committee for their own protection, and if any of the parties are caught Lynch law will take its course and no mercy be shown.

LATELY.

The fire at Grant Well was extinguished about noon. The well was not injured. The loss will not exceed \$100,000.

Mr. Batsford, who was waylaid and robbed on Saturday, is still alive and some hopes are now entertained of his recovery.

FROM THE TEXAN FRONTIER.

Sanitary State of the Twenty-fifth Corps,
J. S. Ford, late Colonel C. S. A.,
From Our Special Correspondent.

BROWNSVILLE, Sept. 15, 1865.

The Twenty-fifth Corps is passing review. On

The other men of the first division, under the command of Gen. Smith, was reviewed and found in an efficient state.

The sanitary condition of the corps is good now, owing to the change in the location of the hospitals, which have been removed to the ranches near the town. This change has caused a decrease of one-fifth in the mortality, and the sick-list is growing small.

Col. Ford, as he is still called, who gave his evidence in the late trial of Lieut. Col. Morrison in a concise and officer-like way, has said that, now that the Rebellion is over, he is ready to fight for the old flag again as in the good old times, when he carried that flag against Col. Ford. He is a man of note out here, and is esteemed for his many qualities. He is very often in town, though living in Matamoros.

Col. William H. Burtin, who is styled by the French-people the "Colonel Deserved," paid us a flying visit yesterday, and is again off with his Cossacks, of the Rio Grande, as those of the Don used to stampede; but he is not to be named with the gallant chief, Platteau.

HEAT AND RAIN.

The old adage, "It rains when it showers," is exemplified in this country. After some days of broiling heat we had a deluge of rain yesterday, which, as usual, has thrown us into the slough. On Elizabeth-street we saw about a dozen men, who were engaged in washing their faces and hands with soap and water, and were saying to each other, "It is a good thing that it rains."

where the hot kept by Miller, who, by the way, is also named "Von Schnooks" for his mean qualities, I would not be far wrong.

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♣ Pools of water are doubtfully numerous, and here and there an artificial lagoon is to be seen. In one of these sheets of water, which was lately a large, dry field, stand the gullies—like a light-house on a rock—put up to hang those two negroes from, who were lately executed for rape; and under the water, at the foot of the rude work, lie the bodies of the two malefactors in their wet graves. This flood over the graves has made the fate of the two negroes the more impressive. F. D.

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Gen. Canrajal—The Twenty-fifth Corps.

From Our Special Correspondent.

BROWNVILLE, Sept. 18, 1865.

Again we hear that Gen. Canrajal is to be here in a few days, with 5,000 to 6,000 men; but those "few days" have multiplied so much that I put no faith in the report.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH CORPS.

The First Division of this Corps, under Gen. Smith, passed again in review on Sunday by the Corps Commander, Gen. Steele on the ground. It was formed on the prairie, which, cleared of its chapparal,

line of three brigades the body was drawn up, and it looked efficient and steady. The ground for twenty-two miles was covered by the foot soldiers, regulation, led by a pair of intervals between battalions, made the line loose. It is plain that six paces should be the length of the interval.

The average strength of battalions was about 300 men, and in the division in the three brigades (four battalions in each) there were three in the other, there was about 3,300 on the ground. Allowing 1,000 men for details, the division may have 4,300 for duty. This gives an idea of the strength of the corps, which may be set at 5,000 men. The division was made up of regulars and marched past. As each company went by one could see that the men were clean enough, and that the guides were intelligent.

It is hard to say the quality and worth of this body of men. They are the good ones of the army and the best nature of the negro, with his fair share of courage. The twenty-fifth Corps would defeat any equal body of Mexican troops pitted against it.

After the review medals were given to some of the men for distinguished service in the late war.

NIGHT SCENE.

On the night of the 16th a lurid light arose over Matamoros, and fire-balls shot up into the dark air, while the clang of bells struck upon our ears as we looked in the direction from the left bank of the river. The

There was a great fire in the city. All this was in honor of the 10th of September, the anniversary of the independence of Mexico, and was only a prelude to what took place on the following day, which was marked by all the means in the hands of Gen. Mejia and his officials.

Dengue fever has left us, to the delight of every one, even to those who are never well but when they are sick and the health of this place may be said to be good.

Money is abundant of Elizabeth-st., and greenbacks are worth 65 cents, or silver is worth 135 per cent.

F. D.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Late Election—Gen. Humphrey's Majority 10,000—Judge Potter—The Mississippi Central.

JACKSON, Miss., Thursday, Oct. 5, 1865.

The major of Gen. Humphrey for Governor of this State over Judge Fisher will probably be 10,000.

The majority of G. L. Potter, the anti-negro testimony candidate for the Court of Appeals in the Jackson District, is 30,000.

CAIRO, Ill., Oct. 5, 1865.

The Mississippi River, which runs through the city, is a great source of water power. The city is a great manufacturing center, and is one of the most important cities in the world. The city is a great source of water power, and is one of the most important cities in the world.